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- 5. Repatitis epidemica figures have risen, too. This is attributed largely to better diagnosis by the doctors, following continued Ministerial education on the subject. The large outbreaks of past months, notably in Wismut AG, have made this disease, once hardly recognized by many doctors, prominent in East German epidemiology.
- 6. Encephalitis figures have also risen as compared with previous months. This rise is accounted for by an increase of vaccinal encephalitis (Pockenencephalitis). There were actually several cases of this in Kreis Doberan, Mecklenburg, as long ago as last summer and in December 1952 there were four cases among children in East Berlin (Prenzlauerberg district): two were fatal.
- Weningitis epidemica figures are higher than usual but there is some doubt as to whether the statisticians have not included some cases of encephalitis.
- 8. No case of true virus influenza (virus grippe) has yet been confirmed in East Germany this winter, although some of the symptoms in the cases of influenza are similar to those of a true virus influenza. The People's Police and the National Army have begun inoculations against virus influenza. In late January, the Bezirk health authorities also began to order vaccine, through the Ministry, from Dr. Belian's works, the Impstoffwerk Schoeneweide, Berlin-Niederschoeneweide, Koellnische Str. 3-4, tel. Berlin 63 33 86.

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